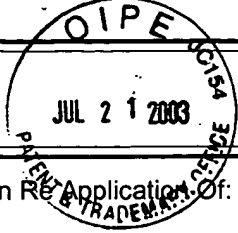

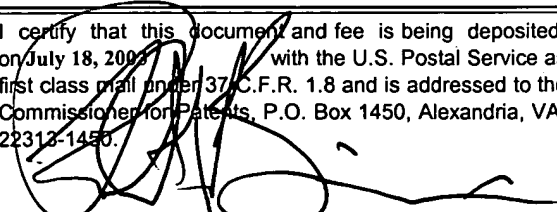


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<b>Title: METHOD FOR ESTIMATING AMOUNT OF ANGULAR DISAGREEMENT OF PLANES OF POLARIZATION OF POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBERS AND FOR CONNECTING POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBERS</b>		
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